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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS OF ISRAELI/EGYPTIAN "CLARIFICATIONS"

1. YEDIOT AHARONOT OF JULY 24 AND DAVAR OF JULY 25 CARRIED
STORIES (HEADLINED IN YEDIOT) THAT ISRAEL AND EGYPT HAVE
CLARIFIED TO EACH OTHER THAT THEY HAVE NO INTENTION OF
TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE PRESENT CONFLICT BETWEEN EGYPT
AND LIBYA FOR ANY MILITARY MOVES IN THE SINAI. THE REPORTS
STATE THAT THE CLARIFICATIONS TOOK PLACE THIS PAST WEEK-
END AND WERE UNDERTAKEN "THROUGH THE GOOD OFFICES OF A
FOREIGN ELEMENT, MOST PROBABLY THE U.S."

2. DURING A CALL ON EVRON AND DAYAN JULY 25 ON ANOTHZR
SUBJECT, I POINTED OUT IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS HOW DAMAGING
SUCH PUBLIC LEAKS ARE. THE LIBYANS WERE ALREADY ACCUSING
THE EGYPTIANS OF BEING "TOOLS OF THE ZIONISTS." THIS
IND OF REPORT OUT OF JERUSALEM COULD HARDLY HELP
CONVINCE SADAT THAT THE GOI IS ANXIOUS TO IMPROVE
THE CLIMATE FOR NEGOTIATIONS. EVRON AND DAYAN BOTH
THOROUGHLY AND SHAMEFACEDLY AGREED WITH ME, EVRON
SAYING THAT SUCH REPORTS WERE A "DISSERVICE" TO
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BOTH COUNTRIES AND DWYAN COMMENTING THAT THEY WERE
SELF-DEFEATING AND CONTRARY TO THE INTERESTS OF
BOTH ISRAEL AND EGYPT.

3. COMMENT: THE PROBLEM OF PRESS LEAKS HERE OBVIOUSLY
CONTINUES. BOTH OFFICIALS PROFESSED TO BEING UPSET
AND WORRIED AND EACH CLAIMED TO HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF

WHERE THE LEAK MIGHT HAVE OCCURRED, ALTHOUGH THEY
SUSPECTED IT CAME FROM A MEMBER OF BEGIN'S TRAVELING
PARTY TO ONE OF THE ACCOMPANYING ISRAELI JOURNALISTS.
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